

1976 ANNUAL WARRANT

FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1976 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1977

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TOWN OF SHARON MASSACHUSETTS



TOWN ELECTION

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1976

8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

(Please Note Article 1 and Recommendation)

OPEN WARRANT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1976

8:00 P.M.

Informal Discussion of Special Articles and Budgets

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1976

8:00 P.M.

**ELECTION AND MEETINGS AT HIGH SCHOOL POND STREET
PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO MEETINGS**

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



NORFOLK, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the High School Gymnasium on Pond Street in said Sharon on Monday, the fifth day of April, A.D. 1976, at 8:00 a.m., and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers as by law are required to be elected by ballot, and on the ballot prepared by the Town Clerk, to wit: Moderator, One Year Term; One Member of the Board of Selectmen, Three Year Term; One Member of the Board of Assessors, Three Year Term; Two Members of the School Committee, Three Year Terms; Two Trustees of the Public Library, Three Year Terms; One Member of the Planning Board, Five Year Term; One Member of the Housing Authority, Five Year Term; and to determine any questions as by law are required to be determined by ballot; to wit:

Question No. 1

- E. Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the sale therein of alcoholic beverages by restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than one hundred persons?

Yes/ /
No / /

We recommend an affirmative vote on this question. Each voter should clearly understand the results of his action. An affirmative vote will give the Selectmen the power to license the sale of liquor in function rooms seating over 100. This will legalize the sale of liquor for social functions at such places as the Bell House, Green Manor, veterans' clubs and country clubs. It will also enable the Selectmen to grant a license to any restaurant, regardless of seating capacity. The state determines the maximum number of liquor licenses to be granted in a town. Under current regulations, Sharon could have no more than fourteen. Once a license is granted, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission

could prevent the Selectmen from revoking it, thus transferring control to an agency outside the town.

A negative vote will inform the Selectmen that the townspeople want the existing liquor laws strictly enforced.

Before either decision becomes permanent, it must be so voted for three consecutive years. The licensing process can be started immediately after the first affirmative vote.

The following Articles will be acted on at the business session of this meeting, to be held by adjournment on Monday, April 12, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street.

NOTE: Recommendations of the Warrant Committee are printed below each Article in italics.

REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

The Warrant Committee's tax rate projection shows a modest increase from the current \$51.00 to \$52.00 for the next fiscal year. Such a small increase at a time when much greater rises in costs are taken for granted prompts us to sigh with relief and turn our attention away from the financial affairs of Sharon. It is, however, extremely important that all town officials and residents consider the realities.

The first reality is the major increase in the cost of providing the necessary and desired town services. Budgets during the coming year, exclusive of debt repayment and interest, will increase by \$870,000., or ten and one-half percent. This follows last year's increase of \$670,000., or nine percent.

The second reality is the source of money to pay for the anticipated increase in operating budgets. About \$135,000. of the increase will be paid by the added one dollar on the tax rate, and \$115,000. will be provided as a result of a projected increase in total valuation. Because of sharply reduced capital investment in recent years, a reduction in long term obligations will yield another \$45,000. These three together will pay for less than half the increased cost of running our town.

Where will the funds come from to pay for the remainder of the cost increase? Last year there was an unexpected increase in state reimbursement. Although we have yet to receive state estimates, advance information indicates that this year there will be a decrease. Thus, the state cannot be looked to for help. We do have some "one time only" funds available from two sources. The first is the increase in the Assessor's estimate of local receipts. This does not allow for an actual increase in receipts, it simply permits us to use more of next year's income to pay next year's expenses. This will only work once. The second source of funds, and of greater significance, is the unusually large amount of "free cash". (Free cash is surplus funds and revenue collected last year.) As noted in the report on the Excess and Deficiency Fund in the back of the Warrant, free cash available at the beginning of this fiscal year was considerably greater than in any prior year. Areas of significant difference from previous years are a state reimbursement, due the previous year, which was paid late and actual local receipts which were

greater than the figure the Assessors allowed for in their tax rate calculation. We will use \$340,000. more of free cash than last year. If this unusual level of free cash were not available, our projected tax rate would be \$55. rather than \$52. We cannot anticipate having this level of free cash available in future years.

We can use all, part, or none of the free cash. Spending all this year would certainly mean a large tax increase in some future year. Spending part, as the Warrant Committee recommends, will keep this year's tax increase modest. Spending none would leave a large amount of free cash for future use, but would increase this year's tax rate by \$3.

A reminder that some of the figures central to the Warrant Committee's projected tax rate are estimates. A change in the amount of total appropriations, state reimbursement, or local receipts will result in a tax rate different from that projected in this warrant.

The Warrant Committee had not voted on several large budgets at the date this warrant went to print. The budget for the Department of Public Works, for instance, had not been presented to the Warrant Committee by the Board of Selectmen at the time of printing. The Sharon School Committee presented its budget showing a 9.8% increase over last year's appropriation, but the Warrant Committee was unable to complete discussion of the budget by printing date. The Warrant Committee does feel, however, that the School Committee's Program Budget Analysis Committee will present an approach that may enable the taxpayer to better understand the School Committee budget which accounts for 55% of the town's annual expenses.

Major capital spending programs were presented to the Warrant Committee at a point that did not allow sufficient time for discussion and consideration. The Library Trustees presented plans for an addition to the library, and the Selectmen presented plans for improvements in Deborah Sampson Park. The Warrant Committee feels there is no question about the need of the library for more space, nor is there confusion about the use of Deborah Sampson Park for recreation, but we are compelled to stress here that the methods and procedures used to develop these major capital spending proposals lacked the benefit and guidance of a formal, well-defined, long range plan for town property development. We, therefore, encourage the Planning Board to redouble its efforts in this direction, or, failing that, we recommend the establishment of a Planning Committee which would coordinate its efforts and goals with the recently reactivated Capital Outlay Committee. The Capital Outlay Committee is charged with forming and evaluating those needs of the town which require the appropriation of funds, and making recommendations based on the needs of the town as a whole.

It can be only when individual town committees have developed their capital spending programs in the context of a rational long term plan that the Warrant Committee will be prepared to consider approval of major capital expenditures.

We are hopeful that long range planning and the Capital Outlay Committee will prevent the current problem of major projects coming before the Warrant Committee at the last possible moment.

ARTICLE 2. To choose four members of the Warrant Committee for three year terms and to fill any vacancies on said Committee.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. To act upon the reports as printed and to hear any other reports and to act thereon.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Compensation By-Law as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

1. By striking out all Classification Schedules and Pay Schedules of Title VIII and substituting new Classification Schedules and new Pay Schedules.
2. By amending the Supplementary Benefits Schedule of Title VIII.

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board will submit its new Classification, Pay and Supplementary Benefits Schedules at Town Meeting. These Schedules establish the pay rates for the year beginning July 1, 1976 and ending June 30, 1977 for all town employes except the School Department and elected officials. Warrant Committee recommendations to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5. To fix the compensation of elected officers, provide for a Reserve Fund, and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of the various sums listed for 1976-77 in the recapitulation of Article 5 except for the School Committee, Department of Public Works, Insurance, Sacred Heart Building, High Street Building and Parks budgets which were received too late for action by the Warrant Committee.

ARTICLE 6. To hear the record of the Donors to the Sharon Friends School Fund, and to choose Trustees of the School Funds and other officers not on the official ballot.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1976, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this routine article which authorizes the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of tax revenue.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund.

Town Accountant

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the State Aid to Public Libraries reserved for Appropriations Account to the Public Library Account, or act in any way relating thereto.

Town Accountant

We recommend adoption and the transfer of \$4,637. from the State Aid to Public Libraries account. This action is required by statute to accomplish this transfer of funds from the State to the Library budget.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Public Library Account for replacement of books lost and paid for at the Sharon Public Library.

Trustees of the Public Library

We recommend no action. The goal of this article has been accomplished by adding \$350. to the library budget.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted or to be allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of appropriated town funds in conjunction with any funds so allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend the appropriation of \$13,200. This sum, when added to funds previously accumulated and with \$26,079. to be received from the state and with any funds that may be received from the county, will allow for the resurfacing of streets. This will be the last money available from the state under this program.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to continue the present Adult Education Program and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

School Committee

We recommend adoption of the article and the appropriation of \$13,000. More than 700 people participate in this program each semester and the town will receive, between tuition fees and state reimbursement, an amount approximately half of the appropriation.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for the Department of Public Works, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article and funding of \$57,000. for the replacement of two cars, one dump truck, two pickup trucks and the repair of a caterpillar loader. Recommendation will be made at Town

Meeting as to the division of funding between appropriation, borrowing, and transfer.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 20C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws providing for a system of three way tags to be issued for parking violations, court appearances, schedule of fines and payment of fines, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend no action on this article. It is already within the authority of the Board of Selectmen to raise the schedule of fines should they deem it necessary in order to enforce the town's parking regulations. We consider it prudent not to accept this section of the General Laws until there is a clearly demonstrated need.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 25 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, providing for the appointment of the Assessors by the Selectmen and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for compensation of Assessors so appointed, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend indefinite postponement. There is nothing in Sharon's history to indicate that the elective process is not giving us a competent Board of Assessors and we feel it is desirable for voters to retain direct control over town officials.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the designation of the below listed streets in the Town as scenic roads as recommended by the Planning Board in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 15C, so that no repair, maintenance, reconstruction or paving done thereto shall involve or include the cutting or removal of trees, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, without the prior written consent of the Planning Board after a public hearing duly advertised in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 15C; and further that the Planning Board in conjunction with the administration of this by-law shall adopt design policies and guidelines in consultation with the Board of Selectmen, covering the design of scenic roads giving due consideration to the preservation of natural resources, environmental and historical values, scenic and aesthetic characteristics as well as sound planning principles and public safety.

All public ways in the Town except the following:

- A. Those built as part of a subdivision and accepted since 1950;
- B. Those streets exempted by statute including but not limited to the following: Norwood Street, High Plain Street, Depot Street, North Main Street, Upland Road from the railroad station to the intersection with Norwood Street, the section of South Main Street from South Walpole Street to the Foxborough Town Line designated as a State Highway and all of the portions of U.S. Route 1 and Interstate I-95 falling within the Town;

or act in any way relating thereto.

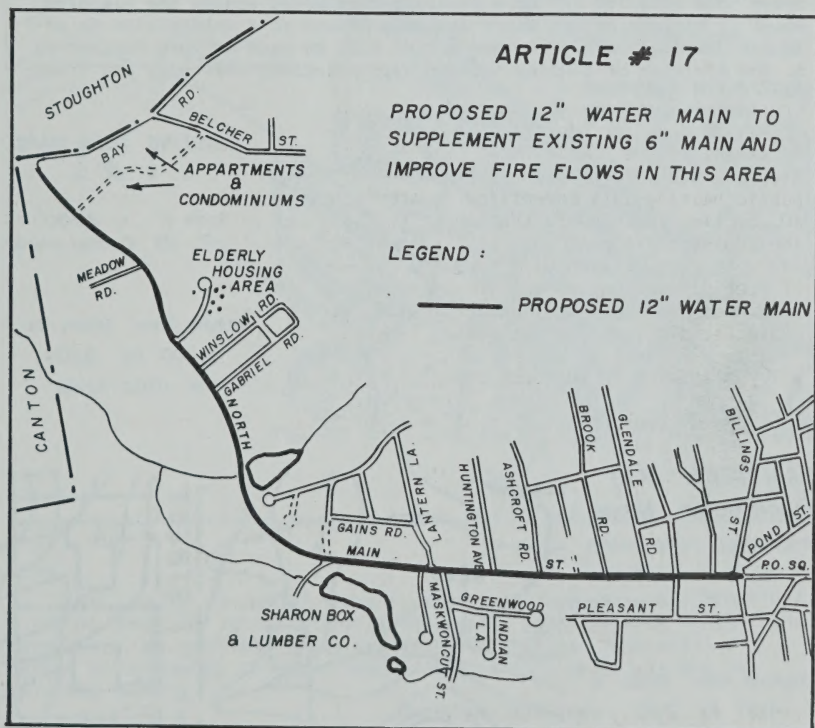
Planning Board

We recommend no action. We agree with the Planning Board that public hearings are desirable before work which involves the cutting of trees is done on town roads. We do not agree with the second result of this article which would transfer authority from the Selectmen to the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of improvements to the water distribution system, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article and funding of \$253,000. to install 12 inch water mains on North Main Street from Billings Street to Bay Road. This will provide adequate hydrant flows for fire fighting, particularly needed in the area of the Box Company and the Housing for the Elderly. It will also close the loop around the Massapoag Brook area, thus providing a more reliable water supply to all homes and businesses in this area. This is another step in a long-range program of upgrading the town's water distribution system. Recommendation will be made at Town Meeting as to the division of funding between appropriation, borrowing and transfer.



ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the painting and repairing of the Hampton Road elevated water tank and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

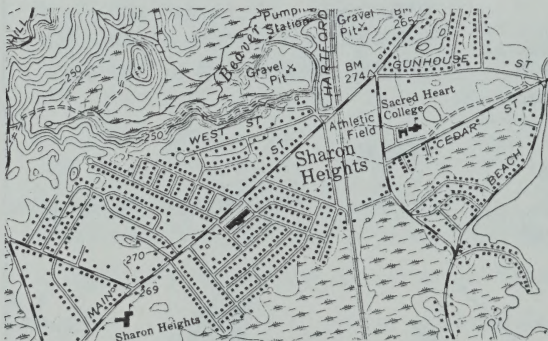
Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article and the appropriation of \$30,000. This completes the program of interior and exterior painting and maintenance of the three water standpipes which must be done every ten years.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for obtaining professional services to furnish all or part of the following: aerial photography, photographic enlargements, aerial topographic maps and planimetric maps of the Town prepared by photogrammetric methods, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article and funding of \$75,000. These maps would be a valuable aid to the Engineering Department, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, Lake Management Committee and other town agencies in planning land use. For example, these more detailed and more accurate maps would assist the Planning Board in minimizing any water drainage impact of a subdivision on adjacent neighborhoods. Recommendation will be made at Town Meeting as to the division of funding between appropriation, borrowing and transfer.



EXISTING TOPO MAPS
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Scale 1" = 2000'
10' Contour Interval

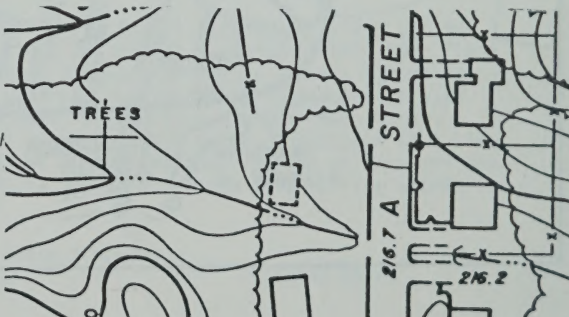
Sample Area Shown is
8,400' By 5,200'
Or 1002 Acres

ARTICAL #19 Topographic Maps

PROPOSED TOPO MAPS

Scale 1" = 100'
2' Contour Interval

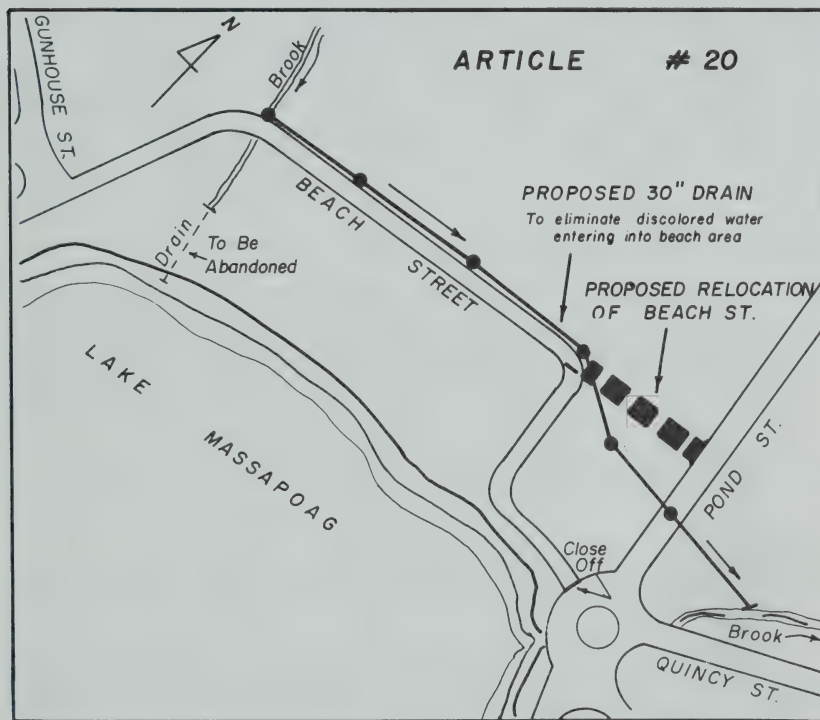
Sample Area Shown is
420' By 260'
Or 2.5 Acres



ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for highway or drainage construction, or both, and to purchase or take by eminent domain, lands or easements necessary therefor, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

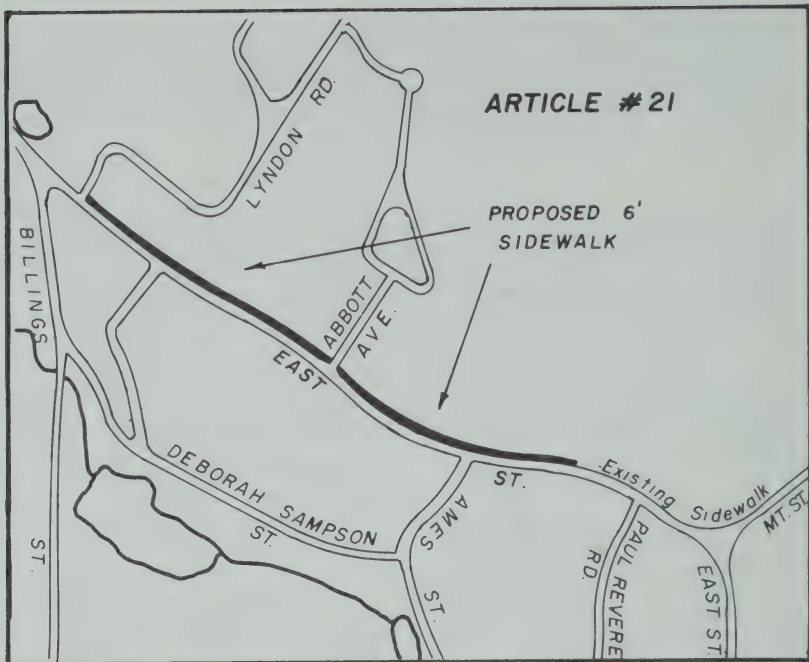
We recommend no action on this article which would relocate Beach Street at a cost of \$20,000. and install drainage from the brook near the high school fields easterly to Massapoag Brook at a cost of \$47,500. The proposed benefits do not justify the expenditure of \$67,500.



ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for construction of sidewalks, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for construction of recreational facilities on the Town owned property known as Deborah Sampson Park, formerly the Sacred Heart School property; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof; authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to apply for, contract for, and expend any grants of financial assistance for said construction which may be available from either or both federal and state departments or agencies; or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

The Selectmen submitted their plans for Deborah Sampson Park too late for the Warrant Committee to act in time for this Warrant. Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee, to be known as the Sharon Public Library Addition Committee, to be made up of five members to be chosen by the Trustees of the Public Library, with vacancies to be filled by said Trustees, said committee to determine the extent of necessary additions to the Public Library, to contract for architectural services, plans and specifications for such additions, and to enter into a contract or contracts for the construction of such additions, to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the above purposes and for expenses of said committee, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Trustees of the Public Library

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee, to be known as the Sharon Public Library Addition Committee, to be made up of five members to be chosen by the Trustees of the Public Library, with vacancies to be filled by said Trustees, said committee to determine the extent of necessary additions to the Public Library, to contract for architectural services to prepare working drawings and specifications for such additions, to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the above purposes and for the expenses of said committee, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto

Trustees of the Public Library

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee, to be known as the Sharon Public Library Addition Committee, to be made up of five members to be chosen by the Trustees of the Public Library, with vacancies to be filled by said Trustees, said committee to determine the extent of necessary additions to the Public Library, to contract for architectural and consultant services for the preparation of preliminary plans and specifications, to raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes and for the expenses of said committee, or act in any way relating thereto.

Trustees of the Public Library

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to increase the personnel of the Police Department and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Chief of Police

We recommend no action on this article which related to the Town's ambulance service. The present level of ambulance service does not require additional Police Department personnel.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to increase the personnel of the Fire Department and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Chief of Fire Department

We recommend no action on this article which related to the Town's ambulance service. The present level of ambulance service does not require additional Fire Department personnel.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase of a fire alarm truck for the Fire Department, or act in any way relating thereto.

Chief of Fire Department

We recommend adoption of this article and the appropriation of \$17,000. for the purchase of a special purpose vehicle for the maintenance of the fire alarm electrical lines. Recent regulations requiring the removal of footholds from poles make this equipment necessary.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a new ambulance, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article and the appropriation of \$34,000. If the town is to continue ambulance service past July 1, 1977, a new state law mandates that the ambulance meet extensively upgraded standards. The present ambulance will be kept for back-up service.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of implementing Sharon's American Revolution Bicentennial Community Program, or act in any way relating thereto.

American Revolution
Bicentennial Committee

We recommend adoption of this article and the appropriation of \$2,500. for an Historical Tour, Country Fair and Birthday Ball in honor of the Bicentennial.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the acquisition of land indicated on the Town of Sharon Conservation Commission "Plan Showing Green Areas", dated February, 1967, and as amended January, 1971, in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, or take any action relating thereto, and that the Conservation Commission be authorized to apply or contract for state and federal aid.

Conservation Commission

We recommend adoption of this article which includes the appropriation of \$24,500. to restore the revolving fund of the Conservation Commission to \$50,000., and the approval of the purchase of two acres of land on Deborah Sampson Street, bordering Mann's Pond. The purchase price is \$24,000. with \$500. for fees.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain proceedings, or otherwise acquire for historical or conservation purposes, or both, the fee or a lesser interest in a parcel of land surrounding "King Philip's Rock", so called, with access thereto, said King Philip's Rock being on land of David Siegel and Rubin Epstein located between Mansfield Street and Massapoag Avenue, to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

American Revolution
Bicentennial Committee

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to approve and ratify the expenditure of a sum of money from the Conservation Fund for the acquisition of 1.4 acres of land, more or less, located on the north-westerly side of Deborah Sampson Street at Mann's Pond from Guilio Intoccia and Robert L. Delashaw, Trustees of the Indel Trust.

Conservation Commission

We recommend adoption of this article which will enable the Conservation Commission to apply for matching funds from the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will accept the conveyance to the Town of Sharon from Guilio Intoccia and Robert L. Delashaw, Trustees of the Indel Trust, certain easements and rights of way shown on plans of land entitled "Foxfire Estates", a subdivision in Sharon, Mass., prepared by R.I.M. Engineering Company, Inc., of Mansfield, Mass., dated September 20, 1974 and recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds as Plan #163 of 1975 Plan Book 248 (five sheets), or act in any way relating thereto:

Said rights of way and easements are described as follows:

1. A parcel of land shown as "Common Land" containing 194,421 square feet situated at the easterly terminus of Barefoot Hill Road along with a parcel shown as "Access Parcel" running from the "Common Land" to Wolomolopoag Street along the easterly boundary of Lot 64. Shown on Sheet 5.
2. Certain parcels of land shown as Parcels "A" (containing 5269 square feet; "B" (containing 9809 square feet) shown on Sheet 3; "C" (containing 15,092 square feet); "D" (containing 10,886 square feet) Sheet 2; "E" (containing 10,264 square feet) and "F" (containing 7128 square feet) shown on Sheet 1.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article which gives the Town access to a parcel of common land which is to be held by the home owners of a cluster subdivision. This access will permit the town to inspect for proper maintenance and will not obligate the town in any way.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will accept conveyance back to the Town of Sharon from the Sharon Housing Authority of so much of the land conveyed to the Sharon Housing Authority pursuant to the vote of the 1971 Annual Town Meeting on Article 46 and not actually used for housing for the elderly, or act in any way relating thereto.

Sharon Housing Authority

We recommend adoption of this article which returns to the Town the title to a strip of land not needed for the Housing for the Elderly. The return of the unneeded land was part of the original agreement between the Town and the Housing Authority.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to endorse or approve the construction of additional dwelling units in the Sharon Housing Authority land off North Main Street.

Sharon Housing Authority

We recommend adoption of this article which will allow the building of 6 more units at the Housing for the Elderly. These 6 units would have 64 apartments and if state funding becomes available will be completed by 1980.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws, Section 13, as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

1. Delete existing Section 13(A) and substitute in place thereof the following:

"(A) In the Single Residence Districts A, for each single residence hereafter constructed and for all other uses enumerated in Section 2, there shall be provided a lot containing not less than forty thousand (40,000) square feet and having a width of not less than one hundred fifty (150) feet.

In the Single Residence Districts B, for each single residence hereafter constructed and for all other uses enumerated in Section 2, there shall be provided a lot containing not less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet and having a width of not less than one hundred (100) feet.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article. At present, the Zoning By-Laws set minimum lot size requirements for residential use. This article will similarly restrict lot size for any other permissible use.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 21, Board of Appeals, of the Zoning By-Laws as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

1. By adding a new sub-paragraph (d) at the end of the second paragraph of Section 21 as follows:

"(d) Give to the Board of Selectmen a copy of the application and of the information filed with the application for a hearing when the application is filed. The Board of Selectmen may submit a report and recommendation to the Board of Appeals at the public hearing. The Board of Appeals shall make no decision upon any appeal or other case upon which the hearing is held until the expiration of twenty-one (21) days after giving to the Board of Selectmen the aforesaid copies of application and accompanying information, unless the Board of Selectmen shall sooner have filed with the Board of Appeals its report and recommendation on the subject matter of the hearing."

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article with the added provision that the Board of Selectmen be required to respond to the Board of Appeals. This change to the Zoning By-Laws will insure that the Selectmen make any contribution which could assist the Board of Appeals.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to adopt as Article 21 of the Town By-Laws the following as authorized by Section 422.8 of the State Building Code:

"Article 21. Private Swimming Pools

Section 1. Definitions

Private pool is any pool intended to be used primarily for swimming and for the use only of the occupants of a one or two family dwelling.

Section 2. Safety Devices

Every person owning land on which there is situated either a swimming pool or any other artificial body of water which constitutes an obvious hazard and contains twenty-four (24) inches or more of water in depth at any point, shall erect and maintain thereon an adequate enclosure either surrounding the property or pool area, sufficient to make such pool or body of water inaccessible to small children. Such enclosure, including gates therein, must be not less than four (4) feet above the underlying ground; all gates must be self-latching with latches placed four (4) feet above the underlying ground or otherwise made inaccessible from the outside to small children.

Section 3. Permits

No swimming pool shall be constructed, installed, enlarged, or altered until a building permit has been obtained."

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article. When the State Building Code superseded the Town Building Code, the existing Town requirement for a fence around a swimming pool was automatically eliminated. This article will reinstate the requirement for a fence at least four feet high and will also reiterate the requirement for a building permit before a pool is constructed.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact the following Act, or act in any way relating thereto:

An Act providing that members of the police department of the Town of Sharon shall not be subject to the Civil Service law and further regulating the appointment and promotion of members of the police department of said town.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the

same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, appointments to and promotions in the police department of the Town of Sharon shall not be subject to the civil service law and rules.

SECTION 2. The provisions of section one shall not impair the civil service status of any member of the police department of the Town of Sharon who holds such status on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article allowing the Selectmen to appoint the future police officers best suited to the Town, without the limitations of Civil Service procedures. Present officers will maintain their Civil Service status, and all officers will receive the protection afforded by State Labor Laws. Fewer than half of the towns in the Commonwealth currently use Civil Service lists for police department appointments.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact the following Act, or act in any way relating thereto:

An Act authorizing the appointment of Harry F. Carlson as a permanent regular member of the police department of the Town of Sharon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in the General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The division of personnel administration shall certify for appointment and the board of selectmen of the Town of Sharon may appoint Harry F. Carlson as a permanent regular police officer of said town, notwithstanding the fact that he fails to meet the maximum appointment age requirements for said position, provided he is determined to be otherwise eligible by the board of selectmen of said town.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article which will lead to giving the Selectmen the authority to make the permanent appointment of Harry F. Carlson. Mr. Carlson has an outstanding record in his previous service as a special and as a temporary officer in Sharon, but he does not meet Civil Service maximum age requirements. Favorable action under the previous article will eliminate the need for action under this article.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to adopt as Article 22 of the Town By-Laws the following:

ARTICLE 22. Underground Electrical Services

Section 1. Material

All residential underground electrical services from the public utility supply point or handhole to the meter enclosure of the building shall be installed within a rigid metal galvanized conduit, approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or non-metallic conduit so approved, suitable for underground installation, having a minimum inside diameter of at least three inches (3") or such other diameter as may be necessary for the service intended.

Section 2. Installation

The conduit shall have all necessary sweep bends to make it one continuous unit free from blockages. It shall be buried to a depth of not less than twenty-four inches (24") below the surface of the ground and covered with at least four inches (4") of sand. If there is less than twenty-four inches (24") of cover over the conduit, it shall be incased in at least two inches (2") of concrete. Prior to backfilling, the completed installation shall be inspected and approved by the Town of Sharon wiring inspector."

Planning Board

We recommend adoption of this article which will protect new homeowners in developments with below ground electrical service. For sound construction practice, the buried electrical wires connecting the new home to the electric company service should be enclosed in protective conduit. This will greatly reduce the possibility of damage to the wires and will greatly reduce the cost of replacement.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way that portion of Mallard Drive easterly from the terminus of that section accepted at the 1971 Annual Town Meeting at Station 8+67 a distance of 1268.31 feet to Station 21+35.31 at Bay Road as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of \$325. for legal and recording fees.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Falcon Road westerly from East Foxboro Street a distance of 1429.02 feet to Osprey Road as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of \$425. for legal and recording fees.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Osprey Road westerly from East Foxboro Street a distance of 984.28 feet as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of \$400. for legal and recording fees.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way that portion of Lantern Lane easterly from that section accepted at the 1966 Annual Town Meeting at Station 13+0 a distance of 296.68 feet to Station 15+95.68 at Cheryl Drive as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of \$225. for legal and recording fees.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Gaines Road northerly from Lantern Lane at Station 0+16 a distance of 761.08 feet to Station 7+77.08 as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of \$350. for legal and recording fees.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Fisher Road easterly from Gaines Road a distance of 529.35 feet to Cheryl Drive as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of \$300. for legal and recording fees.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Cheryl Drive southerly from Station 11+34 near Fisher Road a distance of 953.89 feet to the terminus at Station 20+87.89 as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of \$400. for legal and recording fees.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to accept the grant of an easement for walkway and water main purposes from Prescott Road to Falcon Road, said easement twenty (20) feet in width and centered on the lot line 274.84 feet in length between Parcel 18 and Parcel 19, and adopt said easement as a public walkway from Prescott Road to Falcon Road as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or trans-

fer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

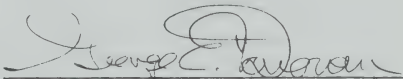
Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of \$100. for legal and recording fees.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-Laws.

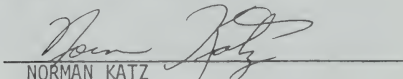
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 8th day of January A.D. 1976.

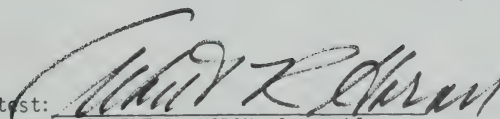


GEORGE E. DONOVAN, Chairman


ROBERT F. CURRIE


NORMAN KATZ

BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

Attest: 
ALBERT R. HORAN, Constable

Sharon, Massachusetts, January 8, 1976

RESERVE FUND - TRANSFERS

The Reserve Fund is in reality the Town contingency fund. Individual department budgets do not contain individual contingency items and therefore, when unexpected events occur, or when costs run higher on budgeted items, the various departments seek the funds from the Reserve Fund. It is the responsibility of the Warrant Committee to approve or disapprove requests to draw on the Reserve Fund. For 1974-75, the Reserve Fund was set at \$100,000. All but \$6,060 was transferred during that period. The major transfers were:

Department of Public Works	\$42,188
Police Department	8,562
Gasoline	7,500
School Committee	7,000
Fire Department	5,455
Treasurer	4,600

For 1975-76 the Reserve Fund was increased to \$125,000 due to continued uncertainty on rising fuel and power costs. As of the beginning of March, 1976, transfers and anticipated excess expenditures for various departments are estimated to use up no more than \$100,000.

OVERLAY RESERVE ACCOUNT

Every year, the Assessors designate a sum of money, called the overlay, which has to be set aside to cover abatements. At the end of each year, the Assessors release from this Fund those amounts no longer needed as a reserve for contingent claims.

These released funds go into the Overlay Reserve Account, which the Town Meeting may use to finance its Reserve Fund or some of the Special Articles. Below is a comparison of the amounts available from the Overlay Reserve Account for the last five fiscal periods:

1972.....	\$87,600
1973-74.....	225,188
1974-75.....	NIL
1975-76.....	246,257
1976-77.....	40,000

ARTICLE 5 RECAPITULATION

Acct. No.	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>1974-1975 Expenditures</u>	<u>1975-1976 Appropriated</u>	<u>Anticipated 1975-1976 Expenditures</u>		<u>Recommended 1976-1977</u>		<u>Recom. over 1975-1976 Appropriated</u>
				<u>Total</u>	<u>Segregated</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Segregated</u>	
0110	<u>Moderator (salary)</u>	60	60	60		60		0
0120	<u>Board of Selectmen</u>							
	Salaries of Selectmen	39,165	41,486	41,486	*	41,679	1,300	193
	Out of State Travel		1,300	1,300			0	
	Other salaries/wages/expenses		40,186	40,186		40,379	*	
0141	<u>Town Accountant</u>							
	Salary of Accountant	25,047	26,622	26,396	*	26,462	*	(160)
	Other salaries/wages/expenses		13,049	13,049		13,049	*	
			13,573	13,573		13,413	*	
0142	<u>Treasurer/Collector</u>							
	Salary of Treasurer/Collector	74,665	85,932	87,959	*	85,573	*	(359)
	Out of State Travel		17,850	17,850		17,850		
	Clerical Wages		150	150		150		
	Tax Titles		43,927	43,927		47,068	*	
	Other salaries/wages/expenses		10,000	10,000		2,000		
			14,005	14,005		18,505		
0133	<u>Board of Assessors</u>							
	Salaries of Assessors	27,160	29,818	30,144	*	37,616	*	7,798
	Other salaries/wages/expenses		6,200	6,200		6,200		
			23,618	23,618		31,416	*	
0144	<u>Warrant Committee</u>	322	285	285		285		
0145	<u>Town Clerk</u>							
	Salary of Town Clerk	24,666	25,686	25,686	*	25,853	*	167
	Out of State Travel		8,651	8,651			75	
	Other salaries/wages/expenses	0	17,035	17,035		17,127	*	

0146	<u>Law</u>	9,430	11,900	23,500	17,650	5,750
0152	Engineering Out of State Travel Other salaries/wages/expenses	65,214	66,563 150 66,413	62,062	59,589 *	(6,974)
0160	<u>Elections/Registrations/Town Mtgs.</u>	25,446	23,744	21,452	29,413 *	5,669
0171	<u>Planning Board</u>	4,575	4,955	4,955	5,000 *	45
0173	<u>Personal Board</u>	85	415	480	500	85
0174	<u>Board of Appeals</u>	2,111	2,250	2,222	2,190	(60)
0174	<u>Conservation Commission</u>	291	390	495	560	170
1065	<u>Council on Aging</u>	455	500	520	620	120
0186	<u>Transportation Advisory Board</u>	25	0	65	50	50
	<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>298,717</u>	<u>320,606</u>		<u>333,100</u>	<u>12,494</u>
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>						
0210	Police Department Sick Leave Out of State Travel Salaries/wages/expenses	438,983 0	451,200	463,286	496,097 10,121 485,976	44,897
0220	Fire Department Out of State Travel Salaries/Wages/Expenses	230,469	241,543 150 241,393	240,492	244,885 *	3,342
0240	Building Inspector	21,759	22,663	22,539	23,743 *	1,080

* Item subject to change by adoption of Article 4

Acct. No.	1974-1975 Expenditures	1975-1976 Appropriated	Anticipated 1975-1976 Expenditures	Recommended 1976-1977 Total	Recommended 1976-1977 Segregated	Recom. over 1975-1976 Appropriated
0250	Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,040	1,050	1,060 *		10
0260	Dog Officer	8,500	9,927	14,797 *		4,870
0270	Civil Defense	4,265	4,535	3,780		(755)
0280	Ambulance	10,208	12,135	13,489		1,351
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	715,224	743,053	797,851		54,798
	HEALTH					
0310	Department of Public Health					
	Garbage Collection	70,680	84,211	88,513 *		4,302
	Salaries/wages/expenses		29,840		29,840	
			54,371		58,673 *	
0330	Inspector of Animals	925	950	950 *		
	TOTAL HEALTH	71,605	85,161	89,463		4,302
	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
0400	Public Works Division **					
	Out of State Travel	776,123	781,467	890,000 *		108,533
	Salaries/wages/expenses		300			
			781,167			
4495	Sacred Heart Building **		17,465	34,966		17,501
4496	High Street Building **		8,000	8,000		

4490	<u>Street Lighting</u>	83,137	94,400	94,240	124,290	29,890
	<u>TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>	859,260	901,332		1,057,256	155,924
	<u>VETERANS'</u>					
0520	<u>Veterans' Services</u>	22,378	26,819	25,189	24,644 *	
	<u>TOTAL VETERANS'</u>	22,378	26,819		24,644	(2,175)
	<u>RECREATION</u>					
0810	<u>Parks **</u>	30,493	31,668	31,853	45,309 *	13,641
0820	<u>Recreation</u>	64,826	67,699	71,498	81,950 *	14,251
	<u>Out of State Travel</u>		300			300
	<u>Senior Citizens</u>		2,000			10,050
	<u>Salaries/wages/expenses</u>		65,399			71,600 *
0840	<u>Community Center</u>	31,553	32,233	32,312	33,800 *	1,567
	<u>TOTAL RECREATION</u>	126,872	131,600		161,059	29,459
	<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>					
1030	<u>Community Celebrations</u>	6,113	5,420	5,657	6,220	800
1064	<u>Development & Industrial Comm.</u>	15	1,500	2,435	925	(575)
1020	<u>Town Reports</u>	5,264	6,250	6,250	6,250	
1040	<u>Insurance **</u>	144,115	170,840	182,940	244,400	73,560
1050	<u>Gasoline Fund</u>	38,355	41,000	44,555	60,000	19,000

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Acct. No.	1974-1975 Expenditures	1975-1976 Appropriated	Anticipated 1975-1976 Expenditures	Recommended 1976-1977 Total	Recommended 1976-1977 Segregated	Recom. over 1975-1976 Appropriated
1220	<u>Veterans' Graves</u>	332	350	350		
1800	<u>Reserve Fund</u>	100,000	125,000	145,000		15,000
1070	<u>Industrial Devel.Financ.Auth.</u>		0			
TOTAL	<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>	294,194	350,360	463,145		112,785
	<u>PUBLIC LIBRARY</u>					
0700	<u>Library</u>	103,370	113,816	114,533	116,746 *	2,930
	Out of State Travel		0	0		
	Salaries/wages/expenses		113,816		116,746 *	
	Less County Dog Reimbursement	(1,610)	(2,163)	(2,163)		
	Less State Aid	(4,638)	(4,638)	(4,638)		
TOTAL	<u>LIBRARY</u>	97,122	107,015	109,945 *		2,930
	<u>EDUCATION</u>					
0620	<u>Vocational Tuition</u>	4,511	3,800	3,800		
0600	<u>School Committee **</u>					
	Out of State Travel	4,800,000	5,184,807	5,695,000		510,193
	Salaries/wages/expenses		2,300			
			5,182,507			
0630	<u>Regional Voc./Tech.School</u>	109,813	139,149	122,839		(16,310)
TOTAL	<u>EDUCATION</u>	4,914,324	5,327,756	5,821,639		493,883

PENSIONS

1580	<u>Norfolk County Retirement</u>	117,968	132,097	132,097	177,862	45,765
1581	<u>Veterans' Pensions</u>	5,060	5,410	5,700	6,160	750
TOTAL	<u>PENSIONS</u>	123,028	137,507		184,022	46,515

INTEREST, DEBT REPAYMENT

1301-1303	<u>Interest of Temp. Borrowing</u>	20,000	10,000	1,940	6,569	(3,431)
1320-1399	<u>Interest on Maturing Debt</u>	152,978	130,724	130,724	105,807	(24,917)
1420-1499	<u>Maturing Debt</u>	840,000	624,000	624,000	505,000	(119,000)
TOTAL	<u>INTEREST, DEBT REPAYMENT</u>	1,012,978	764,724		617,376	(147,348)

TOTAL	<u>OPERATING BUDGET</u>	8,535,702	8,895,933		9,659,500	
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** These budgets received too late for Warrant Committee consideration.
Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET

	<u>Expended 1974-75</u>	<u>Appropriated 1975-76</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 1976-77</u>	<u>Increase over 1975-76 Budget</u>
Administration	\$125,366	\$146,439	\$157,688	\$11,249
Instruction	3,678,013	3,969,330	4,293,769	324,439
Other School Services	338,112	339,114	380,946	41,832
Operation & Maintenance	575,435	564,338	646,510	82,172
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	68,900	80,431	121,081	40,650
Programs with Other Districts	<u>21,003</u>	<u>85,155</u>	<u>94,670</u>	<u>9,515</u>
TOTALS	\$4,806,829	\$5,184,807	\$5,694,664	\$509,857

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY FUND

As its name implies, any excess money as a result of appropriations for department budgets or for special Articles that is not expended and not carried over for the specific purpose of the special Article, is returned to the Excess and Deficiency Fund. All money collected by the Town from sources other than Real Estate or Personal Property taxes, in excess of the amounts used by the Assessors as estimated receipts in their Tax Rate Calculation, are also added to this E. & D. Fund. At Town Meeting, the town may use that portion of this Fund certified "free cash" by the Director of Accounts (of the Department of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) to pay for amounts appropriated at Town Meeting. The term "free" means free of some of the appropriation restrictions associated with other Town funds. The amount available as "free cash" at the beginning of recent fiscal periods and the amounts expended in Special or Annual Town Meetings during those fiscal periods are listed on the following page.

The amounts available at the beginning of each period represent the unexpended "free cash" of the previous period plus the excess funds accumulated during the previous period.

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>
1969	118,552	85,000
1970	158,940	133,000
1971	218,445	144,475
1972	122,515	106,046
1973 (12 months)	278,054	128,054
1974 (6 months)	204,674	158,275
1974-1975	73,015	27,629
1975-1976	692,043	40,000 (Before Town Meeting)

The radical change in the "free cash" during the last two periods is explained in the Report of the Warrant Committee at the beginning of this Warrant.

STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

1974-75
Actual

1975-76
Tax Rate
Calculation

1976-77
Estimated

State Tax Assessments:

Recreation Areas
Audit of Municipal Accounts
Metropolitan Area Planning Budget
Mass. Bay Transportation Authority
Mosquito Control Projects
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills
State Assessment System
Air Pollution System
Special Education (1972 - Chap. 766)

TOTAL STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS:

County Tax and Assessments:

County Tax
County Hospital
Supplemental Assessment/County Land Damage

TOTAL COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS:

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\$58,676	\$59,294	
0	0	
2,571	2,590	
140,378	138,437	
15,160	13,969	
1,339	1,339	
0	0	
1,187	874	
36,604	9,164	
255,915	225,667	
250,489	150,442	
17,862	30,750	
4,108	0	
272,459	181,192	
528,374	406,859	* 447,500

* State estimates not available. Warrant Committee estimates used in place of state estimates for the two items shown.
See the Report of the Warrant Committee at the beginning of this book for additional explanation.

RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

	<u>1974-1975</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>1975-1976</u> <u>Tax Rate</u> <u>Calculation</u>	<u>1975-1976</u> <u>Anticipated</u>	<u>1976-1977</u> <u>Estimated</u>
<u>Local Receipts:</u>				
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	697,127	425,000		610,000
Licenses	126	200		100
General Government	12,231	14,000		12,000
Protection of Persons and Property	25,318	23,000		24,000
Health and Sanitation	17,017	16,000		16,000
Highways	6,999	2,200		6,000
School (Local receipts of School Comm.)	26,439	25,000		24,000
Libraries (Local receipts, other than State Aid)				
Recreation	3,073	2,500		3,000
Farm Excise	26,600	20,000		24,000
Water	45	50		40
Interest	268,580	204,000		250,000
Unclassified (Dividends, Insurance, Blue Cross)	54,931	30,000		54,000
	5,415	5,000		5,000
<u>TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>	<u>1,143,901</u>	<u>766,950</u>		<u>1,028,140</u>
<u>RECEIPTS CERTIFIED BY STATE:</u>		<u>1,913,810</u>		<u>* 1,722,400</u>
<u>Available Funds:</u>				
Overlay Reserve		246,256		40,000
Free Cash		40,000		380,000
Library (Lost book account)		300		0
Federal Revenue Sharing		140,000		140,000
High School Building Account		42,474		
County Tax Account		0		100,000
<u>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS:</u>		<u>469,031</u>		<u>660,000</u>
<u>GROSS AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED</u>		<u>3,149,791</u>		<u>3,410,540</u>

WARRANT COMMITTEE'S COMPUTATION OF
ESTIMATED TAX RATE FOR 1976-1977
REGULAR TOWN MEETING

	1975-1976 TAX RATE <u>CALCULATION</u>	1976-1977 <u>ESTIMATED</u>
TOWN OPERATING BUDGET (ART. 5) (1975-1976 voted at Annual and Special Town Meetings)	\$8,935,933	\$9,659,500
SPECIAL ARTICLES (1976-1977 as recommended by Warrant Committee)	254,700	245,000
<u>TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES:</u>	<u>\$9,190,633</u>	<u>\$9,904,500</u>
State & County Tax & Assessments	528,374	447,500
Overlay of Current Year	<u>305,019</u>	<u>180,000</u>
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	10,024,026	10,532,000
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED	<u>3,149,791</u>	<u>3,410,540</u>
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY:	6,874,235	7,121,460
TOTAL PROPERTY VALUATION:	134,788,930	137,000,000
<u>TAX RATE:</u>	\$51	\$52

MEMBERS OF
THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

June Downey, Chairman

Charles Bennett, Vice Chairman

Anthony Branca

Marilyn Ginsburg

Gordon Gladstone

Leland Goldberg

Ralph Hall

Ralph Kimble

Irving Laskin

Elizabeth McKinnon

James Simmons

TOWN OF SHARON

SHARON, MASS. 02067

RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED



BULK RATE										
U.S. POSTAGE										
PAID										
PERMIT NO. 13										

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